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The way to build up Dallas is to patronize Dallas people.

## WHAT ABOUT THE PARK?

The knock on the city park, both as a site for the Polk County Fair association's annual exhibition and for band concerts, was to have been expected from the quarter in which it originated. The individual who gave voice to the kick has always opposed every plan brought forward by others unless he had an opportunity to pose as the originator. His narrow jealousy prevents him from seeing good in anything which more progressive citizens have suggested. So far as The Observer is concerned, its only interest in the matter is to get what is best for Dallas and her people. The plan to use the city park for a fair site was not original with this newspaper, so our friend may curb his jealousy position on that point and rest assured that such selection, if made, will not be credited to us. It was brought forward by several influential and progressive citizens of Dallas who sought to have the city profit by the successful example of McMinnville. It is assured that, if Dallas wants the permanent location of the Polk county fair, it must provide a suitable site for the exhibitions. Land sufficient for such purpose, if it is to be purchased outright in handy distance of the city, will cost a handsome sum and would involve a heavy burden upon the people of Dallas. It was the idea of those who advanced it, that it could be a comparatively easy matter to improve the park, by the cutting of some of the numerous trees, the building of the necessary exhibition houses and the construction of graveled or macadamized walks and driveways. The tract could thus be placed in readiness as a permanent home for the fair, at the same time, equip it as a pleasure ground for the people of Dallas at any time.

Weather conditions may be different here than at McMinnville, and it is possible that folks would freeze in the middle of July if they occasionally visited the park, as has been suggested by the knocker, but The Observer to date, hasn't heard of any frozen bodies being found within the enclosure but, on the contrary, we are plebian enough to believe that there are many days during the summer when the cool shade proves inviting. Hundreds of Dallas people have picnicked at the park and nearly every fine day during the summer months records occasions of this kind. If the people insist on using the park, notwithstanding its frigid atmosphere, how much better it would be if the place was improved and made more comfortable, and therefore inviting. The wise suggestion of Mayor Craven has resulted in the formation of a park board and it is presumed that this board was appointed to have supervision of the park and do what they found possible, with the means at their disposal, to improve it.

The Observer, in common with many progressive citizens of Dallas, still insists that summer band concerts during Sunday afternoons would prove a genuine attraction, notwithstanding that it has been "tried time and again," and until we have more convincing proof before us than the mere say-so of a jealous individual who didn't happen to think of it himself, we shall continue to advocate it for that purpose, and also as a permanent site for the Polk county fair.

People should not pay too much attention to idle "whisperings" anyway.

Some of the newspapers and private individuals who advocated the abolishment of the death penalty at the recent election are making themselves ridiculous because of the failure of the bill to carry, and a careful reading of some of their utterances would lead one to believe that the application of the punishment has been too long neglected. For instance, the Medford Mail-Tribune, in a recent editorial, declares that it is opposed to Representative McArthur's plan to substitute the electric chair for the noose in Oregon. The Medford newspaper admits the truth of the argument used by those who favor the electric method as being less repulsive, yet it declares that, since the people of Oregon have voted in favor of capital punishment they should have it in the most repulsive form possible. This position is an insult to thousands who voted against the proposed bill in November, and who were honest in their views. They believed, as they had a right to do, that capital punishment was the only proper punishment for the murderer, and now to accuse them of inhumanity is unjust. The Observer does not believe in capital punishment. But a great majority of the people of Oregon favored it, and their will is law. If we are still to have legal murders let us by all means make them as little inhuman as possible. The advocacy of such methods as those put forward by the M.-T. will have an effect vastly different from that planned or hoped for by its editor.

The Observer desires at this time to publicly renig on all it has said regarding Congressman Lafferty. We feel that the gentleman from the Portland district has been maligned and abused when he didn't deserve it, and that he really is worthy of the highest commendation. The assertion that he has done nothing as congressman which would entitle him to re-election, is emphatically disproved according to

the news dispatches, which say that Lafferty introduced and warmly supported an amendment requiring the negro employees of the bath at the Capitol building to remain at their posts until 7 o'clock p. m. In order that members might take a bath after the house adjourned. Such evidence of statesmanship should not go unnoticed, and those who have opposed Mr. Lafferty should hasten apologies.

The Heavens have finally been located. They are at Roseburg, where a company of that name was recently incorporated to go into the fruit canning business. Judging by reports regarding the Douglas county metropolitan heard in the last month, one would suppose that Roseburg's aspirations lay in the other direction.

Mr. Roosevelt declares that he will never again be a candidate for the presidency. Uh-huh. "On the 4th of March next, I will have served three and one-half years and this three and one-half years constitutes my first term. The wise custom which limits—Oh, tush—also piffle—what's the use."

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Wednesday Forenoon—Writing, U. S. History, Physiology.

Wednesday Afternoon—Physical Geography, Reading, Composition, Methods in Reading, Methods in Arithmetic.

Thursday Forenoon—Arithmetic, History of Education, Psychology, Methods in Geography.

Thursday Afternoon—Grammar, Geography, American Literature, Physics, Methods in Language, Thesis for Primary Certificate.

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Saturday Afternoon—General History, Bookkeeping.

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H. C. SEYMOUR, Superintendent of Schools, Polk County, Oregon. 12-3-12 17

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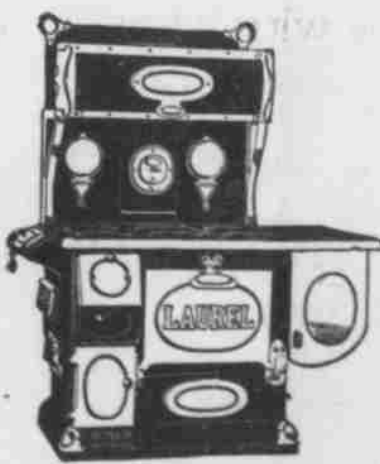
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